

AGENDA



Thursday, November 20, 2008

Purchasing Office
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 51

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a contract through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (BUYBOARD) with WHEELED COACH INDUSTRIES, Winter Park, FL for the purchase of 10 ambulances in an amount not to exceed \$1,590,539.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$1,590,539 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Vehicle Acquisition Fund of the Financial and Administrative Services Department.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Steve Cocke, Fleet Buyer/974-2003

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Contract; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and no goals were established.

This contract is for 10 replacement ambulances that will be assigned to the Emergency Medical Services Department to transport sick and injured patients to area hospitals. They will also be used in stand-by service at local events including, but not limited to rodeos, races, parades, and concerts.

These replacement ambulances have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. They are replacing units that need to be removed from emergency service status due to age and overall condition. The Fleet Service Center Manager has inspected the existing vehicles and determined that the mileage or hours of use cannot be increased without risking a significant increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time. Emergency Medical Services concurs with Fleet's recommendation.

These fire trucks are equipped with engines capable of burning biodiesel (B20) fuel. In line with Austin Climate Protection Program goals, B20 provides a roughly 25% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions versus using gasoline and an approximately 5% reduction versus using petro-diesel.

Wheeled Coach Industries is the authorized dealer under contract with BuyBoard to supply vehicles statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the BuyBoard contract provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest delivery of the vehicles. The estimated delivery for these ambulances is approximately four months.